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1. ALL PAPERS LEAD WITH SPECULATION ON KISSINGER-SADAT TALKS IN ASWAN TODAY. AL AHAM STATES THAT DURING THESE TALKS, GOE WILL STRESS FOLLOWING POINTS: A) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS "REPRESENTS SINGLE STRATEGIC LINE BECAUSE BOTH FRONTS FOLLOW SAME COMMAND;" B) FULL SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS REPRESENTS BASIC EGYPTIAN POSITION: C) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES AND OILFIELDS "IS U.S. COMMITMENT BECAUSE FIRST WITHDRAWAL LAST JANUARY WAS TO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY SECOND WITHDRAWAL IN OCTOBER 1974, BUT WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF U.S. DOMESTIC SITUATION; D) U.S. IS COMMITTED TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL FRONTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT; E) WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIAN FRONT COMPLEMENTS WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI AND BOTH WITHDRAWALS

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REPRESENT "IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD GENEVA CONFERENCE;" F) PLO MUST

PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE AS CAIRO SUGGESTED IN MESSAGES TO U.S. AND USSR; AND G) STATE OF BELLIGERENCY "WILL END ONLY THROUGH FULL AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF CRISIS." AL AHRAH ALSO LEARNED THAT GOE WILL DETERMINE PERIOD OF MANDATE OF UNEF ON BASIS ON EXTENT OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS AND TIME NEEDED TO RECONVENE GENEVA CONFERENCE. UNEF TERM, WHICH ENDS ON APRIL 26, MAY BE EXTENDED FOR FEW MONTHS, PAPER EXPLAINS. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN SOURCES, KISSINGER WILL PRESENT AMERICAN CONCEPTS ON SITUATION SATURDAY AND WILL RETURN TO ASWAN ON TUESDAY WITH "FINAL ISRAELI POSITION WHICH WILL INCLUDE, IF KISSINGERS SUCCEEDS, ASSURANCES OF WITHDRAWAL AS DEFINED BY EGYPT."

2. AL GOMHOURIYA REFLECTS OFFICIAL GOE REJECTION OF ENDING STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS DEFINED BY EGYPT, APPROPRIATE CLIMATE FOR PEACE WILL HAVE BEEN CREATED, AND WITHIN THAT CLIMATE GENEVA TALKS COULD BE HELD TO ESTABLISH FULL AND PERMANENT PEACE.. " PAPER QUOTES U.S. SOURCES AS SAYING THAT KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT SADAT WITH OUTLINE OF NEW WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT. IF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED, "UNEF WILL OCCUPY NEW STRATEGIC SPOTS IN PASSES AREA." INFORMED SOURCES, ACCORDING TO AL GOMHOURIYA, EXPECT EXTENSION OF UNEF TERM FOR ONE YEAR "DURING WHICH EGYPT WILL GET BACK OILFIELDS FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THEM." PAPER STATES FURTHER POINTS OF GOE POSITION ARE A) ACHIEVING OF DISENGAGEMENT IN GOLAN, B) PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA AND C) RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS THESE TWO STEPS ARE TAKEN.

3. AKHBAR EL YOM EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT "AGREEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES AND OILFIELDS IN SINAI HAS BEEN REACHED IN PRINCIPLE." WHAT REMAINS, PAPER SAYS, "IS TO DEFINE MILITARY LINE BEYOND PASSES."

4. EDITORIALY, AL AHRAH MAINTAINS THAT SAVOY OPERATION IN TEL AVIV HAS PROVEN THAT "PALESTINIAN PARTY IS INDISPENSABLE IN ME PEACE TALKS, IF CAUSES OF EXPLOSION IN AREA ARE TO BE REMOVED." EDITORIAL REFERS TO "WASHINGTON PLEDGES THAT PLO MUST ACTUALLY HAVE ROLE IN GENEVA AS LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS."

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